



# Monongahela National Forest

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### **Blue Bend Campground Hosts' Receives 2003 Forest Service Honor Award**



Woodrow and Myna Wolfe, long-time campground hosts at the White Sulphur District's Blue Bend Campground, recently received the 2003 Forest Service Honor Award for Campground Hosts and were presented their award at a ceremony on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at the Lake Sherwood Picnic Area. The Wolfe's previously received the Regional Forester's Honor Award for 2002 Volunteer of the Year and that plaque was also presented to them at Wednesday's ceremony. Clyde Thompson, Forest Supervisor on the Monongahela National Forest presented both awards to Woody and Myna. About 50 Forest Service employees and volunteers were in attendance. Following the award ceremony, everyone enjoyed a lovely potluck picnic lunch and social time.

The Wolfe's have served as volunteer campground hosts at Blue Bend Recreation Area every summer since

1994. Over the past nine years, they have logged in over 6,800 hours of volunteer time, valued at an estimated \$54,400. They often perform above and beyond Forest expectations for hosts by contributing toward minor maintenance needs including raking leaves from campsites, cleaning fire grills and changing lightbulbs. In past years, they have helped recreation managers determine use levels and patterns by conducting informal surveys where they counted daily visitor numbers at the picnic area, beach and campground.

As a young man in the 1930s, Mr. Wolfe was an enrollee at the Civilian Conservation Corps' Neola Camp #2590, where he operated the First Aid Room and drove trucks. The Blue Bend Recreation Area, located a short distance from Neola, was developed by the Neola Camp CCC. Mr. Wolfe hauled the logs for the picnic shelters from nearby Hopkins Mountain on a tractor/trailer. These shelters stand today as a testament to the efforts and quality workmanship of Mr. Wolfe and his fellow enrollees.

Mr. Wolfe met a local girl, Myna Boswell, at a CCC-sponsored dance and married her in 1938. The couple moved away from the Neola area but visited Blue Bend regularly throughout their 63 year marriage. They say they practically raised their two children at Blue Bend in the summertime. With all the history the Wolfe's have at Blue Bend, it holds a very special place in both their hearts. They have displayed their love for Blue Bend through their extraordinary level of commitment and stewardship over these many years.

The forest is very appreciative of Woody and Myna and all our many volunteers who make a significant contribution to the management of the Monongahela National Forest!

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Additional information is available from the USDA Forest Service, MARlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District, PO Box 210, Marlinton WV 24954.

